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April 5, 2000

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Region 5
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Access for Monitoring Well Installations - Update**

Dear Mr. Bradley and Ms. Bianchin:

As follow-up to our telephone conversations and to supplement the letter provided to your offices on March 31, 2000 by ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller ("ARCADIS"), this letter is provided on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to update you on the status of continuing efforts to secure access to off-site properties for installation of monitoring wells associated with the remedial design for groundwater at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site.

As we discussed, ARCADIS personnel spoke on several occasions on March 29, 2000 with Mr. Carl Cannon, National Steel Corporation, regarding installation of proposed monitoring wells. Based upon those discussions, ARCADIS personnel issued a letter to Mr. Cannon on March 29, 2000 to reflect the elimination of proposed monitoring well GMMW-116 on National Steel Corporation property (which Mr. Cannon indicated was located in a high traffic area) and to reflect proposed minor adjustments to the planned locations of monitoring wells GMMW-114, GMMW-124, GMMW-125. A copy of ARCADIS' March 29, 2000 letter to Mr. Cannon which includes several exhibits showing the revised locations of the monitoring wells is attached for your information. You will note in ARCADIS' letter that Mr. Cannon indicated that he would now initiate discussions with company management regarding the request for access.

As you know, ARCADIS personnel have relocated proposed monitoring well GMMW-116 to the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis' property based upon discussions with Mr. Cannon. In follow-up to those discussions, ARCADIS personnel issued an access agreement to the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis on March 31, 2000 requesting access for installation of



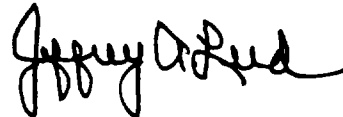
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monitoring well GMMW-116. On April 3, 2000, ARCADIS representatives spoke with Mr. Bob Pea, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, regarding the need to gain access to the railroad right-of-way for installation of the monitoring well. Mr. Pea indicated that he would review the request for access with the engineer in charge of that section of the rail line and would contact ARCADIS personnel at that time.

Please advise if additional information regarding the Group's efforts is needed. I will continue to advise you as further progress is made regarding these activities.

Very truly yours,

LEED ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.



Jeffrey A. Leed
Project Coordinator

attachments

cc: Mr. Jack Kratzmeyer - ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller (w/o attachments, by first class mail)
Mr. Nick Valkenburg - ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller (w/o attachments, by first class mail)
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VIA OVERNIGHT CARRIER

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Reference:
Revised Exhibits 1 through 3
Consent for Access to Property ("Access Agreement")
1417 State Street
Granite City, IL 62040
ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller Project No. C1001003.000B

Dear Mr. Cannon:

Please find enclosed revisions to Exhibits 1 through 3 submitted to National Steel in previous correspondence requesting access for the installation of temporary groundwater monitoring wells at the property address referenced above.

The Exhibits have been revised to reflect elimination of proposed monitoring well location GMMW-116, which you have indicated was located in a high-traffic area at the facility. Minor adjustments to the proposed locations of Monitoring Wells GMMW-114, GMMW-124 and GMMW-125 have also been made based on your comments during an on-site inspection of the proposed locations with Patrick Brennan of ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller. It is our understanding that upon receipt of the revised Exhibits, you will have the necessary information to initiate discussions with company management regarding ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller's request for access.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312.263.6703.

Sincerely,

ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller, Inc.

Jack Kratzmeyer
Principal Engineer/Project Manager

Enclosures (3): Exhibits 1 through 3

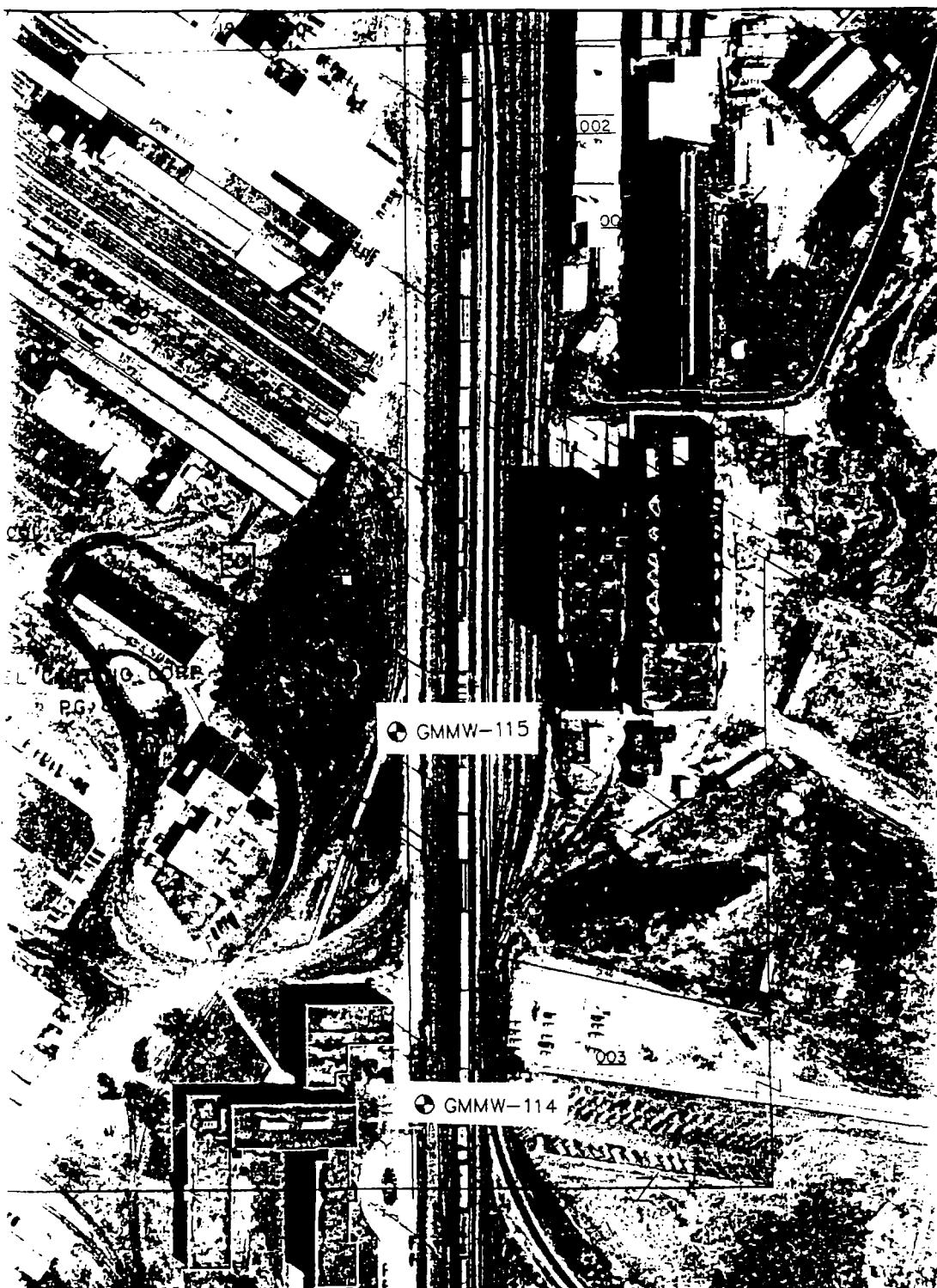
cc: Jeffrey Leed, Leed Environmental, Inc
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Chicago,
29 March 2000

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EXHIBIT

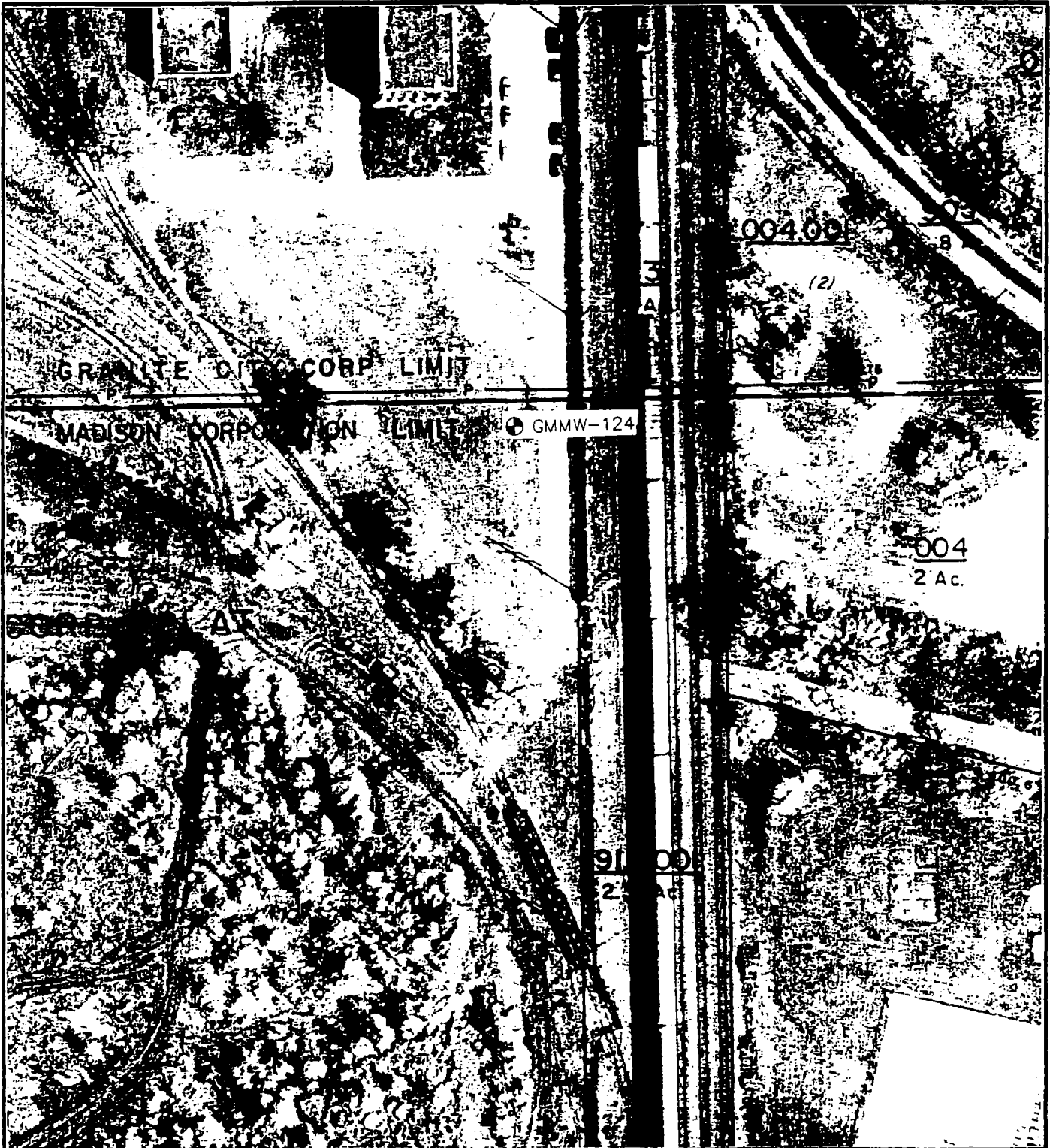
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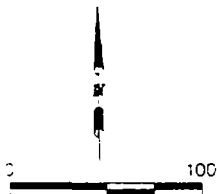
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EXHIBIT

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